

Appl. No. 10/730,787
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (original): A system for coupling first and second conduit sections, which includes:

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a coupling with a generally cylindrical tubular configuration with opposite ends and a coupling bore extending between and open at said ends; said coupling bore having first and second sections adjacent said coupling ends respectively; and each said coupling bore section having multiple said annular coupling ribs with sawtooth-shaped cross-sectional configurations sloping inwardly and including annular engagement edges adapted for passing said conduit sections into said coupling through said coupling opposite ends and retaining same therein, said coupling bore including an annular stop located medially therein;

a coupling tool including a pair of lever arms each having a proximal handle end and a distal end;

said lever arms being pivotally interconnected intermediate their respective ends;

said coupling tool further including a pair of clamp assemblies each having a closed position adapted for clamping a respective conduit section inside the clamp assembly and an open position adapted for releasing the conduit section;

each said clamp assembly including a stationary jaw mounted on a respective lever arm distal end, a movable jaw hingedly mounted on said stationary jaw and a conduit receiver comprising first and second receiver portions each located on a respective jaw;